

This Week's News

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IRTS Updates

The next IRTS Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. online via Zoom. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society, or other body may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS committee meetings both in-person and online. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Honorary Secretary via email to [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie)

The IRTS Examination Board has announced that the next HAREC Examination will take place on Saturday, May 16th, at the Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport. The Eircode is K67 X3H5. To accommodate the high number of candidates, there will be two sittings: a morning session starting at 11:00 a.m. and an afternoon session at 2:30 p.m., with registration opening thirty minutes before each. Each exam session will have a two-hour duration. As places are strictly limited, anyone wishing to sit the exam should submit their application and fee as soon as possible via irts.ie/exams. For further queries, you can reach out to Mick, EI6IKB, at [irts_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams@irts.ie)

ComReg has invited all Irish amateur radio licence holders to take part in a survey about the health of our hobby. Each operator should have received a personalised survey link via email but please check your spam folder just in case. Alternatively, you can visit the Radio Amateurs page on comreg.ie to access the survey form directly. The survey is open until 5 p.m. on the 30th of March.

We are seeking a new QSL sub-manager for member callsigns with the number five in them. We wish to thank Anthony Dolan EI6GGB for his excellent work in this role over the past several years. Please contact the IRTS secretary via email to [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie) if interested in taking over this role or to learn more about what s involved.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group Activities

Kerry Amateur Radio Group will visit the Valentia Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre on March 28th. While there, they plan to activate square IO41 as well as SOTA summit Geokuan which has the designator EI/IS-112. They expect to be active in the afternoon. Updates regarding frequencies and modes will be posted on the KARG facebook page.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group Meeting

The March meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place on, Monday, March 30th at 8 p.m. sharp at the Southeast Technological University, NetLabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. The Eircode is X91 WR86. New members or anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend also. For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

South Dublin Radio Club's AGM

South Dublin Radio Club's AGM will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, the 14th of April 2026 at Ballyroan Community Centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. All members are asked to attend.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at Raheen House Hotel, Raheen, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on Wednesday the 25th of March 2026 at 8 p.m. The Eircode for this venue is E91 AC82. This meeting is open to all. Short-wave listeners are very welcome to attend also. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, you can email them at ei7trg /at/ gmail.com

Margaret O'Sullivan RIP

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of Margaret O'Sullivan formerly of ComReg. Margaret passed away on Sunday, the 15th of March. For many years within the Irish amateur radio community, Margaret was the very helpful point of contact within ComReg regarding licencing. Her unwavering professionalism, courtesy, and patience were admired and deeply respected. The IRTS wish to extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends, and former colleagues. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam. May she rest in peace.

Ireland's 10-Meter Repeater EI0IPG Returns to Air

The Irish amateur radio community is celebrating the return of EI0IPG, the nation's sole 10 metre repeater. Located in Carndonagh, Co. Donegal, the repeater is back in service following a period of outage due to storm damage. Its return is particularly timely as solar activity rises, offering enhanced trans-Atlantic and continental FM communication. Visit irts.ie/repeaters for access details. Maintained by the Carndonagh Amateur Radio Club, the repeater serves as a vital gateway for the 10m band. Repeater keeper Steve EI2GYB noted that the facility ensures Irish operators remain at the forefront of experimental long-distance communication.

Maritime Radio Day 2026

Registration is now open for Maritime Radio Day 2026, which takes place on April 14th and 15th. The event commemorates the almost 100 years history of the wireless telegraphy service and the closure of the famous Portishead Radio station. The event runs from 12:00 UTC on the 14th until 10:00 UTC on the 15th. Activity will be in CW across all HF bands, including the WARC bands. All who submit a results summary will receive a certificate. For further information, email [mrd /at/ radioofficers.com](mailto:mrd@radioofficers.com) or visit the Radio Officers Association website.

Contest Update

The next IRTS 2m and 70cm Counties Contest takes place on Easter Monday, April 6th. It starts at 2 p.m. with the 70cm contest running for 30 minutes. It is immediately followed by the 2m contest taking place for 90 minutes from 2.30 p.m. Visit irts.ie/contests for further information.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email the radio news editor Keith EI5IN via email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie)

with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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